

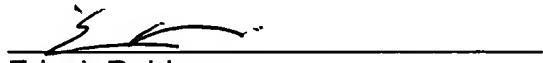
REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement in the Office Action of December 27, 2006, Applicant hereby elects Group II, claims 49-74, drawn to a beam irradiation apparatus.

Claims 1-12 have been canceled and claims 13-23 are withdrawn.

Examination on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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